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1. ASSUMPTION PARA ONE REFTEL A. CORRECT.

2. WORKING FOR APRIL 9 ETA. WILL CONFIRM SOONEST.

3. ALTERNATES:

MR. G.C. ORANIKA
ASSITANT SECRETARY
EXTERNAL FINANCE DIVISION
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

MR. B.N. UNACHUCKWU
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CORPORATION DIVISION
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

4. FOLLOWING IS BIO DATA ON CANDIDATES EFIONG AND ENODIEN:

A. EFIONG

FULL NAME : MR. EKPENYONG OKON EFIONG

PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION

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PAST POSITIONS : VARIOUS POSITION

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: APRIL 11, 1931, CALABAR , SOUTH EASTERN STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN: NONE PREVIOUS

TRAVEL TO THE US: 1972-2

TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES:UK (SEVERAL TIMES);

FRANCE (1959, 1972);

FRG (1960, 1972);

SWITZERLAND (1960); AUSTRIA (1960);

HOLLAND (1960); BRAZIL (1972); SPAIN(1972
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INDIA (1975); EGYPT (1963).

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NIL

ESCORT SERVICES : REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MR. EFFIONG HAS REPLACED PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE
OJO (PART B REF B) AS DEPUTY ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

AND IS THIS BEING NOMINATED FOR THESIS GRANT IN OJO'S PLACE. REASONS
FOR NOMINATION OF INCUMBENT THIS POSITION PER REF B REMAIN VALID. ON
PERSONAL BASIS, MR. EFFIONG IS ANEVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE CANDIDATE THAN
MR. OJO BEING YOUNGER AND MORE AGGRESIVE AND DYNAMIC.

B. ENODIEN

FULL NAME : MR. TIMITIOIKO PAPA-UDO ENODIEN

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PRESENT POSITION: PRINCIPAL ASSITANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

PAST POSITIONS: OFFICIAL REPORTER IN TE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

DATE & PLACE BIRTH : JULY 23,1934, EKET, NIGERIA

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIA; NONE PREVIOUS

TRAVEL TO U.S. ; 1974

TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: UK (SEVERAL TIMES) ; GERMANY; SWITZERLAND
IRELAND

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NIL

ESCORT SERVICES; REQUESTED

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY,VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MR. ENODIEM IS THE THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL IN
MINISTRY OF FINANCE'S EXTERNAL FINANCE DIVISION. THIS DIVISION,
WHICH PROBABLY HAS GREATER INFLUENCE THAN ANY OTHER IN MINISTRY,
DEALS WITH ALL EXTERNAL LOANS TO NIGERIA, WITH AID PROJECTS AND
WITH NEW INVESTMENTS TO THE EXTENT THEY DEPEND ON OVERSEAS CAPITAL
ATTRACTION OF NEW AMERICAN INVESTMENT TO NIGERIA, A PRIME US COMMERCIAL

GOAL, WILL BE GREATLY FACILITATED IF NOMINEE IS THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED
WITH THE WORKINGS OF US BANKING AND BUSINESS INSTITUTIONS. ASIDE FROM
HIS HELP TO US IN THIS MORE GENERALIZED SENSE, MR. ENODIEM'S VALUE
IS GREATLY BOOSTED BY VIRTUE OF HIS POSITION AS ACTION OFFICER ON US
EXPORT IMPORT BANK LOANS. IN THIS CAPACITY HE HAS PROVIDED US TIMELY
INFORMATION ON STATUS OF LOANS AND PROJECTS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAS

BEEN OF VITAL ASSISTANCE IN GALVANIZING NIGERIAN BUREAUCRACY INTO
ACTION
WHEN LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULES HAVE FALLEN INTO ARREARS. (AN OUTSTANDING

RECENT EXAMPLE INVOLVED HIS RESOLUTION IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS OF A SE-
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RIOUSLY DELINQUENT NIGERIA AIRWAYS PAYMENT OF HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO
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AN AMERICAN FIRM BADLY IN NEED OF THE CAPITAL).
THIS CAPABLE, UPCOMING OFFICIAL IS ARTISTIC, WELL EDUCATED AND FAIRLY
WELL TRAVELED. HE HAS VISITED THE U.S. ONLY VERY BRIEFLY ON ONE OCCAS-
ION,
IN CONNECTION WITH IBRD MATTERS. A LENGTHIER TRIP WOULD SURELY BE IN HIS

AND IN THE MINISTRY'S INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THAT OF THE UNITED
STATES.

5. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: SUGGESTIONS SET FORTH PARA 4 REFTEL B. REMAINS

VALID. MR. ENODIEM IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN MAKING CONTACT WITH AID

WITH WHICH HE HAS WORKED IN LAGOS, EX-IM BANK AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE

BOARD. MR. EFFIONG HAS REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY VISITS WITH PRACTICING CPA'S, THE DEPT. OF TREASURY, A LARGE MANUFACTURING CONCERN OR OIL COMPANY, AND PUBLIC OR QUASI PUBLIC CORPORATIONS. (HIS INTENTION WITH REGARD TO LATTER IS TO COMPARE NOTES WITH THE INCREASING NUMBER OF BUSINESSES, AND INDUSTRIES INWHICH THE FMG IS ACQUIRING PART OWNERSHIP AND IS THUS FILLING MANAGMENT AND STAFFING ROLLS). BOTH HAVE

EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VISITING COMMERCIAL BANKS, THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AND WALL STREET GENERALLY AND UNIVERSITIES; SPECIFICALLY LY, HARVARD, MIT OR YALE. MR. ENODIEN'S PRIME ACADEMIC INTREST IS DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS OR MONETARY ECONOMICS WHILE MR. EFFIONG LEANS TO FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING.

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